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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 RENEGOTIATIONS

REF: GENEVA 955

1. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TOLD US TODAY EC (LUYTEN) HELD OUT ALMOST NO HOPE DURING FEB. 19 EC-GOA MEETING THAT EC WOULD MAKE ANY IMPROVEMENTS IN EC OFFER APART FROM WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SOME ADDITIONAL INRS REQUESTED BY GOA. AUSTRALIANS TAKEN ABACK BY EC STANCE INASMUCH AS EC'S OWN NEW BALANCE SHEET (UPDATED TO INCLUDE DEC. 13 IMPROVED OFFER) WHICH WAS HANDED TO AUSTRALIANS DURING MEETING CONTINUES SHOW EC "DEBT" TO GOA BY ALL THREE TECHNIQUES USED BY EC, I.E. DUTIES COLLECTIBLE, VOLUME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF TRADE, AND CHANGES IN JURIDICAL RIGHTS. (EC BALANCE

SHEET IS BASED ON MFN RIGHTS IN GATT SCHEDULES AND EXCLUDES COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES SO AUSTRALIANS CONSIDER ACTUAL TRADE IMPACT OF ENLARGEMENT WILL BE WORSE THAN INDICATED BY EC'S BALANCE SHEET.) LUYTEN'S TECHNICAL DEFENSE OF EC POSITION WAS THAT GOA HAS VERY FEW GATT BINDINGS IN UK SCHEDULE.

2. AUSTRALIANS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO PARE DOWN THEIR JULY 73 REQUEST LIST. SECTION OF AUSTRALIAN OPENING STATEMENT RELATING TO CEREALS AND WILLINGNESS GIVE CREDIT IF EC MAKES IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT BY OTHER COUNTRIES NEGOTIATING WITH EC ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO AUSTRALIA READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

SINCE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY OFFER, IT WOULD APPEAR, IN FACT, THAT THE EEC HAS IMPLICITLY REJECTED MOST OF THE SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION MADE LAST JULY.

HOWEVER, WE ARE AWARE THAT OTHER PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ALSO MADE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE ARTICLE XXIV.6 OFFER. SOME OF THESE SUGGESTIONS, IF IMPLEMENTED BY THE COMMUNITY, WOULD ALSO BENEFIT AUSTRALIA. THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO CEREALS WHERE AUSTRALIA HAS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER RIGHTS AND ALSO TO PRODUCTS SUCH AS CANNED PEACHES AND APRICOTS. OBVIOUSLY, AUSTRALIA WOULD BENEFIT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE EEC MEETS OR GOES TOWARDS MEETING THE REQUESTS OF OTHERS ON ITEMS WHERE WE HAVE COMMON TRADING INTERESTS. WITH REGARD TO CEREALS WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHERS ARE SEEKING THE HOLDING OVER OF THEIR NEGOTIATING RIGHTS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED OUR INTEREST, IN GATT TERMS, IN THESE BINDINGS, AND FOR THE AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS TO BE CARRIED OVER FOR SETTLEMENT AT SOME OTHER TIME. UNQUOTE

3. AT END OF FEB. 19 MEETING, LUYTEN SAID AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT WOULD BE PASSED ON TO EC AUTHORITIES. NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COPY OF AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT AND EC-GOA BALANCE SHEET POUCHED STR-BRUNGART. DALE

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